

BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH

474 Chapel Street
Harrisville, R.I.

*Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*



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BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH
Harrisville, Rhode Island

Sunday, January 17, 2021

10:00 AM

We, the fellowship of Berean Baptist Church, worship one God who is revealed and accessible to each and every one of us regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, age, social standing or all other abilities. All have been given the gift of accepting full participation in the Kingdom of God. God's grace, love, and mercy are given freely and unconditionally and extends to all people. Therefore, we accept, welcome and affirm all as brothers and sisters united in striving to live holy and acceptable lives in the service of God's Kingdom. May our hearts as well as our church doors remain forever open and welcoming to all of God's creation.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** THE PEACE/PRELUDE**

“By the Fire”

~Michele McLaughlin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God of our ancestors and God of our dreams, we worship today to remember that you have created us all in your image and in your likeness

All: And so, we still have the courage to dream the impossible.

Leader: We remember how you spoke into the darkness and created light

People: And so, we still have the courage to dream the impossible.

Leader: We remember the ways you have delivered your people through trials and tribulations since the beginning of time, right up until this present moment

People: And so, we still have the courage to dream the impossible.

Leader: You have comforted us through the middle passage, racism, segregation, stripped identities and unjust laws

People: And so, we still have the courage to dream the impossible.

Leader: God you have been the guiding light along the paths of Hope and Love leading toward a beloved community where all are equally seen and radically loved

People: And so, we still have the courage to dream the impossible.

Leader: We gather today remembering your presence amongst us and the call to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with you and our neighbors.

***INVOCATION, LORD'S PRAYER**

even as we pray, saying, ...

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom Come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen

ENTER GOD'S COURT WITH PRAISE

"Beloved Child, Beloved Community"

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: O God, we as broken creatures have fallen short of all that has been required of us. Whereas you looked at your beloved creation and said "it is good", we have at times looked at that

same creation and rejected its beauty and inherent goodness. We have looked at the color of one another's skin and assigned beauty and worth based on its hue. We have felt the texture of one another's hair and determined what is good and what is damaged. We have examined one another's frame and labeled it as human or "other". We have fallen short of being family and each other's keeper but,

***People: Deep in my heart,
I do believe that we shall overcome some day.***

Leader: We have ignored the cries of others as they seek justice from the oppressor and we told them to wait a little while longer. We have hidden the wounds of the ghettos of our society in an attempt to showcase society's beauty to the world. We have not fed the hungry, given drink to the thirsty, or shelter to the stranger because of how they looked or the inconvenience of their need, but

***People: Deep in my heart,
I do believe the truth shall make us free someday.***

Leader: But today is a new day full of opportunities to try again. What was left undone yesterday can be completed today. We can turn from the sins of neglect and dishonesty, and prayerfully move towards reconciliation and mutual respect. The realization that "we are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly", *forces me to be concerned about what happens to my neighbor. And so,

***People: And so, OH, deep in my heart,
I do believe we shall live in peace someday.***

SCRIPTURE: Mark 5:21-43

Jesus Raises a Dead Girl and Heals a Sick Woman

²¹ When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. ²² Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came there. Seeing Jesus, he fell at his feet. ²³ and pleaded earnestly with him, “My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live.” ²⁴ So Jesus went with him.

A large crowd followed and pressed around him. ²⁵ And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. ²⁶ She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. ²⁷ When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ because she thought, “If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.” ²⁹ Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

³⁰ At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who touched my clothes?”

³¹ “You see the people crowding against you,” his disciples answered, “and yet you can ask, ‘Who touched me?’”

³² But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. ³³ Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.”

³⁵ While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. “Your daughter is dead,” they said. “Why bother the teacher anymore?”

³⁶ Ignoring what they said, Jesus told the synagogue ruler, “Don’t be afraid; just believe.”

³⁷ He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the home of the synagogue

ruler, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. ³⁹ He went in and said to them, “Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep.” ⁴⁰ But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child’s father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, “*Talitha koum!*” (which means “Little girl, I say to you, get up!”). ⁴² Immediately the girl stood up and walked around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. ⁴³ He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

MESSAGE: Appalling Silence,
Why The Story of the Hemorrhaging Woman Teaches us to say
Black Lives Matter

RESPONSE: “Once To Every Man and Nation”

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

Offertory “As with Gladness”

***Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: “Hush Now”

Hush now in quiet peace, be still your mind at ease.
The spirit brings release so wait upon the Lord

***CLOSING HYMN:** “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** “Threefold Amen” (628)

POSTLUDE: "Winter Solstice"

~Michele McLaughlin

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\*This service quotes from *Our God is Marching On*, and *Letter from Birmingham Jail*, by Martin Luther King, Jr. Lines in italics quote from *We Shall Overcome #570* in *The New Century Hymnal*, and *Lift Every Voice and Sing #593* in *The New Century Hymnal*

I Still have a Dream: Service Prayers for Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend 2020, was written by the Rev. Trayce Potter, Minister for Youth and Young Adult Engagement, Faith Education, Innovation and Formation Team (Faith INFO) UCC.

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UPCOMING EVENT FOR JANUARY: The **Annual Meeting** for **Berean** will be held on **Sunday, January 24th** after the online service. Please watch for report via email or request a paper copy. Details to follow on how we will actually meet.

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